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Mr. Andrew S. Robbins, Executive Director & CEO
Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
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Dear Director Robbins,

We are writing to again express our concern as well as disappointment in the ambiguous and fragmented plan for the location of the Ala Moana Station. Future extensions from the Ala Moana station continue to face uncertainty. We have been asking for design plans for the Ala Moana Station from as early as October 2015 and have been aware of the proposal to shift the station another 200-feet in the Ewa direction from its approved location since January 2016.

To compound matters, we have stated on numerous occasions that immediate attention needs to be placed on planning a future extension to the University of Hawaii because of planned development in this area. We were extremely concerned that the station would be boxed in and any plans for future extensions would not only be stifled but would become extremely cost prohibitive.

We are now in 2018 and all we have been given is an attachment with some dotted lines showing the proposed station shift and a proposed extension along Kapiolani Boulevard. We are also now being told that there is a proposal being discussed to condemn the Sam Koo property; a property slated for a project that will provide 60% or 310 affordable housing units in the area. This is disheartening to hear as the Council has been working so hard on increasing incentives to developers providing affordable housing options.

We request HART carefully consider ALL options before sacrificing 310 affordable housing units provided by this project and future projects from this developer.

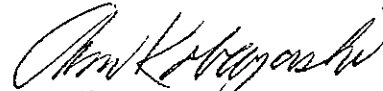
We also request in writing, detailed options for the Ala Moana station and the planned route to the University of Hawaii should the condemnation of the Sam Koo property prove unsuccessful.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Councilmember Ozawa at 768-5004 and Councilmember Kobayashi at 768-5005.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember Trevor Ozawa
Councilmember, District IV

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